



Breaking News: *The World of Steampunk at VCON 35*

VCON 35 — STEAMPUNK: FROM ALCHEMY TO ZEPPELINS

Tune up your gear and prepare to be amazed this fall, as the Lower Mainland's annual science-fiction and fantasy convention goes full steam into its 35th edition, October 1-3, 2010.

Vancouver, Aug. 18, 2010 — VCON offers every science-fiction and fantasy fan something to satisfy the imagination. This year, in addition to our three Guests of Honour: author Cherie Priest, artist James Beveridge, and musician Heather Dale, we are very fortunate to have a brilliant lineup of writers, artists, editors, filmmakers, scientists, musicians, and Steampunk experts.

Steampunk: Alchemy to Zeppelins is the theme of VCON 35, celebrating this popular sub-genre of speculative literature, which invokes England's Victorian era as it might have been with the addition of technology and invention. Cherie Priest, our author Guest of Honour represents very well the Steampunk fiction with her recent book *Boneshaker*.

However, Steampunk is more than literature. It's also artwork, costumes, accessories, lifestyle, teatime, Victorian fencing, and everything you could imagine that gives life to this incredible time.

James Beveridge, our artist Guest of Honour, has created stupendous pieces of art, inspired by this year's theme. Visit the Art Show, as well as the Artist's Alley, to immerse yourself in that universe and to learn about the works of our local artists.

Lifestyle you said. In that order, *VSteam (The Steampunks of Vancouver)* is the organizer of the *Dance Party* on Saturday night where members are invited to mix and mingle, shake their booty, and boogie the night away. You can rest assured that it's going to be a night to remember.

This event follows the *Masquerade*, which is a science fiction and fantasy masquerade for amateur costumers where participants are encouraged to come out to play in ornately designed, hand-crafted work or to throw together interesting odds and ends to create their own unique look. Extra points if your costume reflects this year's Steampunk theme. Grab your goggles, put on your corset and that jaunty hat, and prepare to promenade. There will be a panel with tips for finding and/or making Steampunk costumes and accessories.

For full details about the rules and regulations for the competition, see the [Masquerade Rules Page](#).

Referring to this period without acknowledging the tradition of “duel” is impossible. *The Academie Duello* will offer Victorian fencing demonstrations and the participants will be able to have a real hands-on experience.

If you already know everything about Steampunk or have never heard of it before, at VCON 35 you will discover amazing people and things that will leave you breathless (and not because you'll be trying on a corset).

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FANTASY INTEREST,
VCON HAS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!**

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